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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM -- YOUR PARTICIPATION IN VISIT
OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA (S/S NO.7505665)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AF - MULCAHY, ACTING

1. THE PROBLEM.

WE NEED TO DETERMINE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING
VISIT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA. KAUNDA WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON FROM MID AFTERNOON APRIL 18 TO THE MORNING OF
APRIL 21 WHILE EN ROUTE TO THE JAMAICA COMMONWEALTH CONFER-
ENCE AND VISITS TO CUBA, THE BAHAMAS AND GUYANA. HE ARRIVES
APRIL 18 AFTER A DIRECT FLIGHT FROM DAKAR TOO LATE TO DO
ANYTHING THAT DAY. APRIL 20 IS A SUNDAY AND HE LEAVES
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APRIL 21 AT 9:00 AM. APRIL 19 IS THE KEY DAY OF THE VISIT.

KAUNDA IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT 3:00 PM APRIL 19 AND TO ATTEND BLACK-TIE DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT SAME EVENING.

2. DISCUSSION

YOU WILL RECALL THAT YOU RECEIVED ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA IN WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST IN WHAT THE ZAMBIANS

REGARDED AS A VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT AND THAT YOU READILY SUPPORTED THEIR SUGGESTION THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA VISIT PRESIDENT FORD AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME IN APRIL WHEN KAUNDA WAS TRAVELING IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. YOU HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE MWAANGA'S INVITATION TO VISIT ZAMBIA WHEN YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS AN AFRICAN TRIP.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FACTORS BEARING ON THE KAUNDA VISIT ALSO MERIT YOUR ATTENTION:

(A) WHEN KAUNDA LAST VISITED THE US IN OCTOBER 1970 TO ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THERE WAS A SERIES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH FINALLY RESULTED IN HIS NOT SEEING PRESIDENT NIXON, IN SPITE OF HIS REQUEST SOME WEEKS PREVIOUSLY TO DO SO. MANY AFRICANS CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN SNUBBED BY THE WHITE HOUSE BECAUSE A LAST-MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGE MOVED HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT TO THE TIME WHEN HE WAS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. KAUNDA HIMSELF WAS PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF THIS ACTION. THE "NON-VISIT" LEFT THE ZAMBIANS WITH THE FEELING THEY WERE BEING TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS AND THAT THE US ATTACHED LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO KAUNDA'S VISIT. OUR RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA, WITH A SIGNIFICANT BOOST FROM YOUR OWN INTEREST AND INITIATIVE HAVE IMPROVED MATERIALLY SINCE THEN, AND THE UPCOMING VISIT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ERADICATE WHATEVER VESTIGES OF ILL FEELING REMAIN.

(B) KAUNDA HAS PLAYED THE KEY MODERATING ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLITICS BY BRINGING LIBERATION GROUPS TOGETHER UNDER COMMON BANNERS AND ASSISTING THEM IN BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH WHITE MINORITY REGIMES.
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ZAMBIA'S COMMITMENT TO RAPID BUT PEACEFUL EVOLUTION TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA IS GENUINE AND PARALLELS OUR OWN INTEREST IN PEACEFUL TRANSITION AND STABILITY IN THIS REGION. YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE VISIT WILL CONFIRM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF KAUNDA'S HONEST BROKER ROLE AND MAY ENCOURAGE HIM TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS AT A TIME WHEN IN-FIGHTING BETWEEN RHODESIAN LIBERATION GROUPS AND THE INTRACTABILITY

OF THE IAN SMITH REGIME ARE THREATENING TO UNDERMINE
COUNSELS OF MODERATION.

(C) KAUNDA ENJOYS A DESERVEDLY HIGH REPUTATION AMONG
AFRICAN LEADERS AS AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN AND A MAN OF
HIGH PRINCIPLE AND MODEST LIFE-STYLE. YOUR ACTIVE PARTI-
CIPATION IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN MAKING THE VISIT A
SUCCESS FROM BOTH THE ZAMBIAN AND THE AFRICAN POINTS OF
VIEW. ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR MWALE HAS INFORMED US OF THE

ZAMBIANS' DESIRE FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH YOU AND HAS
EXPRESSED THEIR EARNEST HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER
WILL ATTEND, IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, THEIR RECEPTION
ON SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 20.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

A.(1) THAT, IF YOU CAN FIND TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE TO
DO SO, YOU AGREE TO MEET PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON ARRIVAL AT
ANDREWS AFB MID-AFTERNOON FRIDAY, APRIL 18. WE BELIEVE
THIS TO BE A MOST IMPORTANT GESTURE IN GETTING THE VISIT
OFF TO A POSITIVE START. (IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GREET
KAUNDA WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE PRESENCE OF A SENIOR
DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE DEPARTURE.)

APPROVE (AGREE TO MEET)

DISAPPROVE

A.(2) ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GREET
PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON ARRIVAL, THAT YOU DESIGNATE UNDER
SECRETARY SISCO TO REPRESENT YOU IN GREETING HIM AND
SEEING HIM OFF ON DEPARTURE IN VIEW OF SISCO'S
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SUBSTANTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE VISIT.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

B.(1) THAT IN LIEU OF A SEPARATE WORKING MEETING
YOU HOST A SMALL WORKING LUNCH (12-14 PEOPLE) FOR
KAUNDA AND THE OTHER GUESTS LISTED AT ATTACHMENT A ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 19. (GIVEN THE TIME-FRAME OF THE VISIT
SATURDAY SEEMS THE ONLY PRACTICAL DAY FOR SUCH A LUNCH).

APPROVE WITH GUESTS AS LISTED
APPROVE WITH CHANGES INDICATED
DISAPPROVE

B.(2) ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HOST A LUNCH, THAT YOU HOLD A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH KAUNDA AT BLAIR HOUSE ON THE MORNING OF EITHER SATURDAY, APRIL 19 OR SUNDAY, APRIL 20.

APPROVE
DATE
TIME
DISAPPROVE

AND:

(IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HOST A LUNCH), THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO INQUIRE WHETHER VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WILL HOST A LARGER LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

APPROVE
DISAPPROVE

C. THAT YOU ATTEND THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS FORD AND KAUNDA AT 3:00 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

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D. THAT YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER ATTEND THE BLACK-TIE WHITE HOUSE DINNER AT 8:00 PM, APRIL 19.

APPROVE
DISAPPROVE

E. THAT YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER ATTEND FOR A SHORT TIME (AROUND 7:00 PM) THE ZAMBIAN RECEPTION AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON ON APRIL 20.

APPROVE
DISAPPROVE

A SCHEDULE SUMMARIZING THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE VISIT IN WHICH WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IS ATTACHED. CLEARED BY S/CPR AND S (MR. BREMER).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. PROPOSED GUEST LIST
- B. SUMMARY SCHEDULE

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR WORKING LUNCH FOR KAUNDA

ZAMBIAN PARTICIPANTS:

PRESIDENT KAUNDA
FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA
MARK CHONA
SPECIAL ADVISER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA
AMBASSADOR MWALE
THREE OTHER HIGH-RANKING ZAMBIANS IN THE OFFICAL PARTY
(WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY BUT
HOPE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.)
(NOTE: YOU MET WITH MWAANGA, CHONA AND MWALE IN
WASHINGTON LAST AUGUST.)

US PARTICIPANTS:

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THE SECRETARY
UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SISCO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS DAVIS
US AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA JEAN WILKOWSKI
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS
ENDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL
AFFAIRS BUFFUM
AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE (NOTE TAKER)

ATTACHMENT B

SUMMARY RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

3:00 P.M. (APPROX) GREET PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT ANDREWS AFB

SATURDAY, APRIL 19:

1:00 P.M. HOST WORKING LUNCH FOR KAUNDA

3:00 P.M. PRESIDENTIAL MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE

8:00 P.M. BLACK TIE DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 20:

7:00-7:30 P.M. ZAMBIAN RECEPTION AT WASHINGTON HILTON

(NOTE: THE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE TO A WORKING LUNCH IS
A MEETING WITH KAUNDA AT BLAIR HOUSE DURING THE MORNING
OF EITHER APRIL 19 OR APRIL 20.) INGERSOLL

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